

were not all Salt Lakers, but a number of them came from as far away as Provo. For, if they had, it would have been as blood raw a piece of work as a congressional delegation from this state had ever had a hand in.

At the very latest, those who made application for the land must have known that it was to be thrown open for entry by Thursday morning in order to comply with the law in making affidavit. The gentlemen were ready Friday morning: Mr. Thompson and his overworked clerks were ready with the setting of the sun on Friday night, and a minute after the echo of Chanter's Saturday morning blast had passed, they were "lined up four deep" and within three minutes' time the seven thousand acres of choice land had been exhausted. It seems that in some instances several filed on the same land. In some cases the applicants compromised and in others the land was sold to the highest bidder.

Senator Kuchler's resolution to the effect that the president of the senate be instructed to request by wire our congressional delegation at Washington to insist upon an investigation in the United States Interior Department, is eminently proper, though at this writing it is hardly probable that the sycophants and slaves composing the majority of that body will permit such a resolution to pass. It was perfectly natural that Senator Carl Badger of Salt Lake, and Senator Hyde of Juab should oppose the suspension of the rules for the placing of the petition on final passage. By the same token it was not surprising that the other senators quickly fell into line, and it will probably be nicely pigeonholed and forgotten just as anything else of the kind would be sidetracked by those in control of the body which has come to be perennially known as Utah's jackass legislature.

But there should be an investigation of some kind immediately, and if the law does not require the advertising of the opening of such lands for entry, the quicker it is changed the better, for it is not only manifestly unfair to everyone except those who subscribe to the tipping bureau, but it opens the way for just such rotten, scandalous jobbery as was put through on Saturday last by "someone in Washington."

The committees of the Senate and House are jointly framing a liquor bill that is slated to go through both branches with a minimum number of kicks and cuffs and to emerge pretty nearly as it started. It is too early at this writing to forecast even the most important provisions of the measure, as to date the members of the joint committee have been confining their attentions to each other's shortcomings and as the personnel of the two committees affords plenty of scope for that particular line of effort the prospective liquor measure has had to wait.

It seems that on Wednesday Representative Pope said, among other things, that if the bill followed his ideas saloons would be so quiet in Utah on Sundays that church could be held in any of them. Whereupon Senator James B. Wilson got his senatorial plumage all ruffled up and as a church member felt that any statement that church could or should be held in a saloon as insulting. Representative Pope should be more careful in the future in treading on the toes of his legislative co-workers, particularly those good churchgoers among them whose esthetic sensibilities are so susceptible to shock at the mention of the possibility of a little of the gospel being sung with a big mirror and the long stemmed glasses for a background. We don't remember the Senator's name among the signatures to that memorable petition a coterie of local pastors sent to President Taft's train protesting against his watching the kiddies in a living flag here one Sunday morning, but he at least must have been attuned to the spirit of the brethren on that occasion.

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